

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OPEN SESSION
ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD
November 20, 2006
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

NOTE: ITEMS IN **BOLDFACE PRINT** REFLECT OFFICIAL BOARD ACTIONS

On Monday, November 20, 2006 a Regular Meeting of the Illinois Gaming Board ("Board") was held in the conference room of the Gaming Board Offices on the 3rd floor at 160 N. LaSalle for closed session.

The following Board Members were present: Chairman Jaffe, Members Charles Gardner, Joseph Moore, James Sullivan and Eugene Winkler.

At 9:50 A.M. on Monday, November 20, 2006 Chairman Jaffe called the meeting to order. Pursuant to Section 2(c), paragraphs (1), (11), (14) and (21) of the Open Meetings Act and Section 6(d) of the Riverboat Gambling Act, Member Gardner moved that **the Board retire to Closed Session to discuss the items listed under Closed Session on today's agenda and relating to the following subject matters:**

1. **Personnel matters;**
2. **Pending Litigation;**
3. **Investigations concerning applicants and licensees; and**
4. **Closed Session Minutes.**

Member Winkler seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote. The Board remained in Closed Session until approximately 1:00 p.m. The Board convened its Open session at approximately 1:15 P.M. pursuant to motion.

Roll call was taken with five members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Winkler moved that **the Board approve the closed session minutes of its Regular Meeting of October 16, 2006 and October 17, 2006 as well as the open session minutes of October 17, 2006.** Member Gardner seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mark Ostrowski stated that the December 2006 meeting will take place on December 18, 2006 and the open session meeting will take place on December 19, 2006.

OWNER LICENSEE ITEMS –

- a. Item of Initial Consideration – no motion
 - Hollywood Casino – License Renewal

Pat Medchill – General Manager of Hollywood Casino conducted a power point presentation. The presentation illustrated on how the largest casino in Illinois has revitalized the Aurora community. The casino has generated \$665M in tax revenue for the State of Illinois. Member Gardner questioned Mr. Medchill as to the tuition reimbursement program, and Mr. Medchill stated that the casino does have one and it is utilized by the employees. Member Winkler commended the Hollywood Casino for a job well done.

- b. Items for Final Action –

- MGM – Request for approval of Fifth Amended and Restated Loan Agreement

Based on a review of staff's investigation and recommendation, Member Gardner moved **that the Board approve the Fifth Amended and Restated Loan Agreement dated October 6, 2006 among MGM Mirage and MGM Grand Detroit, LLC, Bank of America, N. A., the Royal Bank of Scotland and Nevada Landing Partnership including the execution of the Guaranty by Nevada Landing Partnership as provided for therein.** Member Sullivan seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by role call vote.

- Grand Victoria Casino – Anthony S. Lacerba, Director of Surveillance – Level One
Based on a review of staff's investigation and recommendation, Member Sullivan moved **that the Board approve Anthony S. Lacerba as a Level One Occupational Licensee of Grand Victoria Casino.** Member Winkler seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by role call vote.
- Grand Victoria Casino– Angela Banks-Buford, Director of Internal Audit – Level One-
Based on a review of staff's investigation and recommendation, Member Moore moved that **the Board approve Angela Banks-Buford as a Level One Occupational Licensee of Grand Victoria Casino.** Member Gardner seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by role call vote.

SUPPLIER LICENSEE ITEMS -

- PDS Gaming Corporation – Lona M. Finley – Key Person – Member Winkler moved that the **Board certify and approve the following key person of the licensee:**
 - 1. **Lona Mae Finley; owner as Trustee, Settlor and Beneficiary of the Finley Family Trust.**

Member Moore seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSEE ITEMS - APPROVALS & DENIALS

Based on staff's investigation and recommendation, Member Moore moved that **the Board approve 51 applications for an Occupational License, Level 2, and 205 applications for an Occupational License, Level 3.** Member Gardner seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

PROPOSED COMPLAINTS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

- Elizabeth B. Abebe

Based on the staff's investigation and recommendation, Member Sullivan moved that **the Board issue a Disciplinary Complaint against Elizabeth B. Abebe, a Level 3 Occupational Licensee, for failing to comply with the Illinois Riverboat Gambling Act and the Board's Adopted Rules in relation to her May 19, 2004 conviction for retail theft.**

Further, Member Sullivan moved that **the Board revoke Ms. Abebe's Occupational License. Said action to take affect twenty-one (21) days from the date of service of this complaint unless the licensee files an Answer within that time period.** Member Moore seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

- Tom Swoik – Illinois Casino Gaming Association

Tom Swoik introduced Isabelle Duguay; coordinator of Problem Gambling, Bensinger, Dupont & Associates.

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Isabelle Duguay introduced herself and went on to explain the two programs that she is overseeing in an effort to help the problem gambler. She informed the Board of her education and background. She described the PGET program – Problem Gambling Education and Training. She indicated that the program aims to train elementary, high school and college students in 2 hour sessions to educate regarding potential gambling problems.

Additionally, she described the C2C program – Chance to Change. It is available to all gamblers, and is part of UCLA gambling program. Any gambling resident of Illinois is eligible. This program is free of charge, and is strictly confidential. It also consists of a three month case management program. The goal of the program is for

the gambler to receive personal help and guidance with his or her addiction problem. This program helps the addictive personality to stop completely, reduce episodes of gambling, and 30% of the program participants complete the 12 week program. This program helps the participant to gain control over their addiction and know what to expect.

- Anita Bedell, Executive Director, Illinois Church Action on Alcohol & Addiction Problems

Anita Bedell addressed the Board with concerns of the process in which staff reviews a potential sale of riverboat casinos. Anita stated her points, and the Chairman expressed concern that she is getting her information from the media rather than from the Illinois Gaming Board. The Chairman stated that she needs to obtain factual information rather than hearsay. The Chairman also stated that the Illinois Gaming Board does a very comprehensive review of any and all transactions, and they are very thoroughly investigated.

Member Winkler moved that the meeting be adjourned at 2:05 p.m. and the motion was seconded by Member Gardner. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary C. Boruta
Secretary to the Administrator